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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1230

DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

1. FORMIN BITSIOS HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO INQUIRE WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY OFFICIAL PUBLIC REACTION BY THE SECRETARY AND THE USG TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT EARLY THIS AFTERNOON IN NICOSIA CONCERNING A TURKISH CYPRIOT FEDERATED STATE ON CYPRUS. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT I HAD NOT SEEN ANY OFFICIAL REACTION AS YET ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, SOMETHING COULD HAVE BEEN SAID WITHOUT MY HAVING HEARD OF IT AS YET. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT THE STATE DEPT SPOKESMAN NORMALLY MET WITH THE PRESS EVERY DAY ABOUT 12:30 PM WHICH WAS ABOUT TWO HOURS FROM NOW AND THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT A PUBLIC STATEMENT MIGHT BE MADE AT THAT TIME.

2. BITSIOS DREW TO MY ATTENTION WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF THE STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN IN LONDON WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT STILL REGARDS THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
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AS THE ONLY LEGAL GOVERNMENT AND DENKTASH AS THE VICE

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND LEADER OF THE
TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. I TOLD BITSIOS THAT I HAD
ALSO SEEN NEWS REPORTS OF THIS STATEMENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, BITSIOS SAID THAT
THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD MADE NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT
AS YET. HE SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
CARAMANLIS EARLY THIS EVENING TO REVIEW THE MATTER,
FOLLOWING WHICH HE EXPECTED TO MAKE SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL
GOG ANNOUNCEMENT. PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS,
HE IS SEEKING TO LEARN THE REACTIONS OF AS MANY OTHER
GOVERNMENTS AS POSSIBLE.

4. I HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH
BITSIOS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING AND WILL BE PREPARED TO
PASS ON TO HIM IMMEDIATELY ANY STATEMENT OR MESSAGE
THAT WASHINGTON OR THE SECRETARY DESIRES.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE GREEK
GOVT WILL SET GREAT STORE BY OUR PUBLIC REACTION
TO TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT BY DENKTASH AND THE TURKISH
CYPRIOTS. THEY WILL READ IT AS AN EXPRESSION NOT ONLY
OF THE KIND OF EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT WE WANT TO SEE ON
CYPRUS BUT ALSO THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WE WANT TO
HAVE WITH THE CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT AND GREECE.
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